

## PURPOSE

### Overarching goal:

- Bring back the benefits of DRC coffee to the smallholder coffee growers and the Congolese State, while ensuring a viable income to the former and providing them economic power to claim substantial improvements to the coffee business climate from the latter.
- CPNCK and Kawa Maber need to become successful, self-sustaining cooperative enterprises.

### Specific Objectives:

- After project completion, the two cooperatives will have increased the number of MWS with 7 units, and the number of members with up to 700 new smallholder coffee growers. In time, the volume of coffee produced in the seven additional stations will contribute significantly to the capacity of both cooperatives to reach the export of at least 5 containers (Kawa Maber has exported less than a container in 2017 and CPNCK 1.2 containers): the 7 MWS will add on 14 tonnes of coffee parchment in their first year, and after 5 years, with increasing experience, these 7 stations are expected to produce at least 70 additional tonnes of parchment coffee.
- CPNCK with 10 MWS will at least double its number of MWS, while Kawa Maber can grow quickly to 50 MWS, from the current 30. This project will contribute to realise part of that goal.

## TARGET GROUP

Both cooperatives can ensure the future of an expected 7,000 members. The contribution of this project will be to facilitate the inclusion of 10% of that overall membership, which is 700 members.

## STRENGTHENING OF TWO SMALL-HOLDER COFFEE COOPERATIVES BEYOND THEIR BREAK-EVEN TOWARDS FULL FINANCIAL AUTONOMY

DR CONGO - approved by the Efico Fund on 11/12/2017

### Location

Ituri Province (Djugu and Mahagi Territories: Cooperative Kawa Maber) and in South-Kivu Province, Idjwi Island (Coopérative CPNCK), East of the DRC

### Description

- Co-investing in seven additional micro-washing stations (MWS) of two existing cooperatives of smallholder coffee growers will help them to increase their volume of top quality coffees beyond five export lots per year, which is their break-even point.
- The benefit generated will allow them to cover all costs and to end dependence on external subsidies, whilst building sustainable commercial links with gourmet coffee buyers.
- All MWS will be equipped with a simple solar energy kit, enough to provide light for late night work at the peak of the season, and for recharging cell phone batteries, essential for communication with the technical team of their cooperative.
- The coffee produced in the MWS is organic by default. Certification will be obtained in 2018 for both cooperatives, for both FairTrade & Organic. (cost covered by other partners)

### Project Budget

Total budget: € 139,750  
Efico Fund contribution: € 75,000

### Project Duration

January 2018 to December 2020

## PARTNERS

### VECO/RIKOLTO

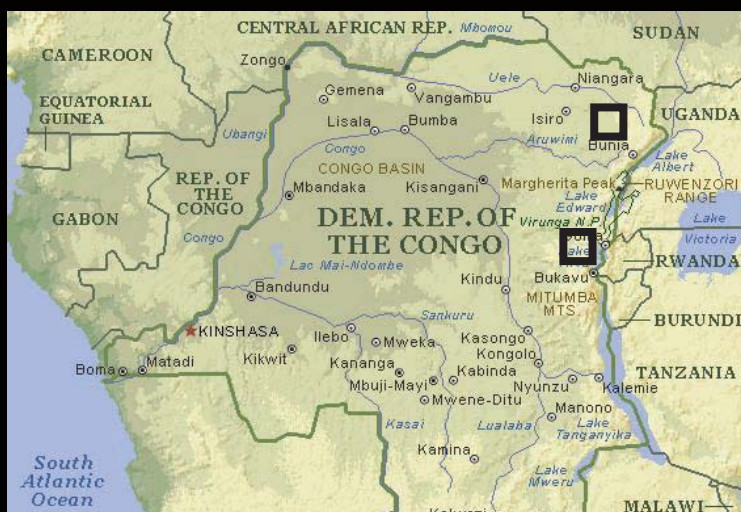
- [www.rikolto.be](http://www.rikolto.be)
- Project applicant
  - Belgian NGO
  - Contribute towards sustainable development and international cooperation

### Both Cooperatives CPNCK and Kawa Maber

- Implementation partners

### EFICO

- [www.efico.com](http://www.efico.com)
- Funding partner



## EXPECTED IMPACT

- 1) 7 new MWS will be built ; monitoring indicator: Number of new potential members & amounts saved by each group.
  - 2) The two cooperatives will increase their coffee volume through the 7 new stations and get closer to their break-even point; monitoring indicator: registration production parchment coffee.
  - 3) 700 additional members of the two coops will triple their income in a relatively brief period; Impact is monitored at farmers' level through baseline data collection in 2017 and impact measurement a few years later.
- This project contributes to SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption & Production) & SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

# EMPOWERMENT OF SMALLHOLDER COFFEE FARMERS IN DR CONGO



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